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TO: Insurers, Self-Insurers, and Self-Insured Groups

FROM: Catherine R. Farnam RN, MS, CS, Director, Office of Health Policy

DATE: January 6, 2003

RE: Compensation Review System

In fulfilling its statutory mandate for the monitoring of health care services related to worker's compensation, the Department of Industrial Accidents', Office of Health Policy (OHP) is implementing the Compensation Review System (CRS). This data system will allow the Department to monitor billing data on services delivered to injured/ill workers, and to compare this data to the Health Care Services Board's endorsed treatment guidelines.

As previously described we will be collecting data quarterly for back injuries only. The information collected will be based on the date of payment for treatment approved by the insurer. For example, if the insurer approved payment on January 1, 2003 for a procedure completed in December of the previous year, it should be included in the 2003 data aggregate.

First quarter claims data should include all office visits, physical therapy treatments, occupational therapy treatments, chiropractic visits, and x-rays for back injuries for January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003. Please send it in a CD-ROM format or e-mail to franc@dia.state.ma.us (ONLY). If you have questions about the format, data elements, or transfer of the data contact Ms. Clarke at (617) 727-4900 x 583. The following is an example of the data fields we are requesting.

Required fields:

Gender
Date of Birth
Claimant Zip Code
Date of Injury
Date of Treatment
CPT Code
ICD-9 Code
Insurer's Federal Employee ID#
Insurer's Claim #
Provider's Federal Employer ID #
Provider's Zip Code

(collection of Desirable
fields is Obsolete 2004 -
Desirable additional fields:

Injured Body Part
Treatment Description
Name of TPA, or other claims handling
organization (if applicable).)

I have enclosed lists of the *(reference to CPT is obsolete 2004 - corresponding CPT and)* ICD-9 codes.

Note: Primary ICD-9 is the ICD-9 code associated with a claim which is defined as the ICD-9 code reported in the last 30 days of the medical treatment for the claim that represents the largest of payments during that period. We have also listed below the insurer entities in which we believe you are associated with, if this is inaccurate please contact Fran Clarke or myself.

Should you have any other questions or concerns regarding the implementation of the CRS feel free to contact me at (617) 727-4900 x 574 or email cathyf@dia.state.ma.us. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.